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There are three interested parties to any strike or lockout, says the Nelson News in referring to the strike of 145,000 men in the Pennsylvania coal fields, the employers, the employees and the public. It is undoubtedly the duty of the state to protect the people under all circumstances, and since a strike is not a personal difference between operators and workmen but is of material moment to everyone in the country, any legislation that will put an end to such contests should be adopted forthwith. The fact that in the present instance the men are willing to submit to arbitration while the employers flatly refuse to do so, is sufficient of the latter's privity of voluntary arbitration to fulfill all the requirements of legislation directed to the putting an end to labor struggles. The remedy consists in the adoption of compulsory arbitration, for only in this way can the right of the community be protected from the disastrous results of protracted strikes and lockouts.

With this issue THE OUTCROP celebrates its birthday. Just two years ago THE OUTCROP made its first shipment and has since continued to increase its shipments regularly until now it reaches practically every person in this valley, while it also goes right round the world. It is read in every town of importance in British Columbia, many copies are scattered over the prairie, and many more in Ontario, Quebec and Nova Scotia. Others go to Great Britain, the Continent, but only one to Australia, and in the United States numbers of copies find their way into every State.

A month or more ago financing became a serious matter and we saw we had to take the "bull by the horns" or he would have THE OUTCROP. We got the first hold and now we are hopeful, and know that many of our patrons appreciate our efforts.

In the two years we have had the pleasure of reporting wonderful strides of progress in North East Kootenay. The unwavering and ever hopeful miners and prospectors have shown their faith, by developing their properties and continuing their searches, which has been effectual in brightening the heavy leaden-cloud that has hung over this province, and today there is not, we believe, a district with a more promising future.

Further than a faithful report of the happenings in this district and devoting more time to our agricultural and mining pursuits we cannot make many promises. So soon as the line is built to Wilmer we will give a better summary of graphic news than any other weekly paper in British Columbia, and all who care to subscribe for THE OUTCROP daily bulletin will have the privilege.

Despite the much-talked and written subject of "Imperialism" there are a number of Canadians who are severely denouncing it and advocating independence. So long as we are colonial Imperialism should be a benefit to all concerned, although when for imperial reasons our workmen are forced into competition with Asiatics there is reason for expressions of dissatisfaction.

It is pointed out that the majority rules and that for many years yet Canada will be in the minority, but it is not at all likely that if we had a majority that Canada would rule; indeed, she would not. Then some day Canadians must cut loose from their mother's apron strings, and some claim now is the time. It may be done some day, but not just yet. "Independence" always sounds nice and when repeated thrills human beings, but the parental influence is still strong and it will be a while yet before the subject is generally or rather seriously discussed. However, there are several reasons why Canada may seek independence. One is that the French-Canadians have been chafed as to their loyalty, another that thousands of United Statesers are coming to Canada, and another that many Canadian-born people are in favor of it. There are many strong reasons advanced against independence and these will have to be considered in detail, and it will be much better to discuss the cost and advantages to be derived than to hysterically talk about self-respect and self-reliance as some people are now doing.

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Should these predictions prove to be true it will mean a sudden return of property to the smelter trust and the several sections of East Kootenay, as the trust will undoubtedly put the price back to the old settlement based on New York quotations less duty and insurance. This would not be the mine owner about \$2.40 for lead, which would permit every property in the camp to operate. The smelter has never in its existence to make a large output and \$2.40 for lead would make it the most active and profitable smelter in the Kootenay area. It is a serious matter to estimate that the trust will be ready to supply to smelter would immediately jump to 1,200 tons and for the remainder of the output would mean 2,000 tons, making the trust's production for the district over 30,000 tons. Smelter by track.

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